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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, US, MO

SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES STORY ON ARMS SALES DECISION

1. BERNIE GWERTZMAN OF THE NEW YORK TIMES HAS CONTACTED
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TO ADVISE HE WILL RUN STORY TOMORROW
TO EFFECT THAT ADMINISTRATION HAS "DEFERRED INDEFINITELY"
A DECISION ON GOM REQUEST FOR ARMS. DEPOFFS DID NOT
REPEAT NOT CONFIRM STORY.

2. IF ASKED TO COMMENT BY GOM, SUGGEST YOU SAY THAT YOU
UNDERSTAND FINAL DECISION EXPECTED TO BE MADE SOON AND
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THAT WE WOULD OF COURSE COMMUNICATE IT TO GOM THROUGH
OFFICIAL CHANNELS BEFORE DISCUSSING PUBLICLY.

3. FYI: IF FINAL DECISION NOT ACTUALLY MADE AND COMMUN-
ICATED TO GOM PRIOR TO MARCH 1 HIRC HEARING ON MOROCCO,
WE WILL FUZZ ISSUE IN THAT FORUM. IN THIS RESPECT, IN OUR
TESTIMONY WE WILL BE TRYING TO PUT MOST FAVORABLE LIGHT ON

OUR RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO, DOWNPLAYING SAHARA ISSUE AND
DEFENDING FY 79 FMS PROGRAM ON BASIS OF OUR "TRADITIONAL"
MILITARY ASSISTANCE TIES. VANCE

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